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Many Fenwick Island residents have been inconvenienced by the lack of a timely removal of their “extra” recycling container this week. Others are prepared to participate in the Universal Curbside Recycling Program – but have no container to use. This letter comes to you as an update regarding the program.

The management and staff of the Town of Fenwick Island have worked hard to make this program both successful and cost-effective. A grant for more than \$11,000 was secured so that there is, effectively, no additional cost to residents for the town to comply with this new state law. The new containers, like those provided in 2007, are “free” to the town through grants.

There were some residents that requested the service after 2007 and before September 2011, though. Our service provider, Allied Waste, supplied containers that were identical to those owned by the Town of Fenwick Island. These additional containers were identified as property of Allied through the placement of a decal on the container.

The new containers were to be delivered to all residents that did not have a container – or had a container identified as the property of Allied Waste. According to our records, there would be only 35 duplicate containers. These would be identified by address and promptly picked-up by Allied on a different truck.

It was not known, however, that Allied had placed their stickers on every recycling container in town. This includes the containers owned by the Town of Fenwick Island. As a consequence, far more than 35 residents now have a duplicate container.

The specific addresses that were provided a container by Allied have been identified. Stickers that say “Town of Fenwick Island” have been ordered and the delivery is being expedited. When these stickers arrive, the re-distribution of cans will take place. No resident will have an “extra” container. The containers owned by Allied will be taken to the Public Works yard at Town Hall.

The whole process will likely take another week. We apologize for the inconvenience and respectfully request your patience regarding the matter. Our staff is small and the workload must be managed to cover a variety of tasks. If you are inclined to return your extra container to the Town Hall, we will gladly accept it. In any case, we will work as quickly as is practical to resolve this unanticipated complication in the start of our Universal Curbside Recycling Program.

Thank you.